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1. WELCOME VISIT OF ABSHIRE AND ROBERTS MAY 24-25.
RESERVATIONS MADE AT SHERATON HOTEL STARTING MAY 23.

2. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
PERSONALTIES INVOLVED, WE RECOMMEND THAT ROBERTS AND
ABSHIRE SEE PEOPLE INITIALLY IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
COSTA PEREIRA, ROSA, AND FIGUEREIDO. FOLLOW ON MEETINGS
CAN BE ARRANGED AS NEEDED. ASSUME YOU WILL WISH, AS WE
DO, TO KEEP THE MEETINGS PRIVATE.

3. AS REGARDS A MEETING OF SA CARNEIRO AND SOARES WITH
ABSHIRE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST SA CARNEIRO. HE IS
STILL FEELING LOW ABOUT THE ELECTION RESULTS, IS LIKELY
TO END UP AS AN OPPOSITION LEADER, AND IS LOOKING FOR
ISSUES. A MEETING WITH MARIO SOARES COULD BE USEFUL
BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT HE WILL BE AT A CONFERENCE
IN CARACAS DURING THIS PERIOD. HOWEVER, IF HE DOES NOT
GO, WE CAN LOOK AGAIN AT POSSIBILITY OF A DISCREET
MEETING.

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4. FOR DEPARTMENT: WE WOULD EMPHASIZE USEFULNESS OF

HAVING LAWYER FROM L PRESENT DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS.
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